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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN REPRESENTATION AT IRAQI CELEBRATIONS

REF: BAGHDAD 1430

1. JULY 17 IRAQI NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION IN SOFIA WAS
ATTENDED ON BULGARIAN SIDE BY BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY
(BCP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT MEMBER MISHO MISHEV,
TRADE UNION CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GEORGI DZHAGAROV,
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STATE COUNCIL DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ANDREY LUKANOV AND OTHER
LESSER PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LIGHTS.

2. BULGARIAN DELEGATION TO BAGHDAD WAS HEADED BY MINISTER
OF INTERNAL TRADE AND PUBLIC SERVICES GEORGI KARAMANEV.
ALTHOUGH KARAMANEV IS BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, HE IS
NOT AN ACTIVE POLITICAL FIGURE. HIS HEADING OF DELEGATION

TO AN EVENT OF THIS NATURE APPEARS A BIT UNUSUAL, AND AT ANY RATE SEEMS A NOTCH OR TWO LOWER THAN WOULD BE EXPECTED.

3. COMMENT: BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIONS, BOTH IN SOFIA AND BAGHDAD, AT IRAQI NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS STRIKE US AS RATHER LOW LEVEL AND INDICATIVE THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE YET TO BE PATCHED OVER. WE HAVE HEARD, HOWEVER, THAT NEWLY ACCREDITED AMBASSADOR JARALLAH AO-ALLAF ATTEMPTED TO MAKE EFFUSIVE DISPLAY OF IRAQI-BULGARIAN SOLIDARITY AT NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION HERE. FOR EXAMPLE, UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, LARGE PHOTO OF BULGARIAN PARTY LEADER ZHIVKOV WAS DISPLAYED ALONGSIDE THAT OF IRAQI LEADER. NEVERTHELESS, OFFICIAL BULGARIAN TURN-OUT WAS RESTRAINED AND CERTAINLY NOT INDICATIVE OF WARM FRATERNAL TIES BETWEEN FRIENDLY SOCIALIST STATES.
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